### DESCRIPTIONS

OF

# TWO NEW SPECIES OF CICADIDAE FROM THE BELGIAN CONGO

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#### SUBFAM. CICADINÆ.

## Munza signata sp. n.

Head, pronotum and mesonotum ochraceous; anterior margin of front, a transverse fascia to vertex, the lateral margins of same — enclosing a small pale spot at anterior angles, a narrow central longitudinal fascia to pronotum and the fissures to same, four large obconical spots to mesonotum the two central ones smallest — and part of the anterior angles of the basal cruciform elevation, black; abdomen above black, the segmental margins narrow and castaneous; head beneath, sternum and legs ochraceous; an anterior transverse fascia between eyes, the central depression and lateral striations to face, linear streaks to femora, and apices of tibiæ and tarsi, black or piceous; opercula and abdomen beneath piceous, margins of opercula and segmental margins to abdomen, ochraceous; tegmina semi-hyaline, the base black, followed by a transverse opaque creamy-white fascia the outer margin of which is fuscous, its base connected with costal membrane by an outwardy curved narrow fuscous fascia, a short oblique transverse fascia before apex ad two or three spots near inner angle, fuscous; wings black, a large creamy-white spot near upper end of the black area, the apical and posterior margius broady pale hyaline; head not frontally produced, more or less truncate and deflected in front of eyes; vertex prominently depressed between the ocelli; abdomen robust, about as long as space between the apex of head and base of cruciform elevation; opercula just passing base of abdomen, their inner angles slightly overlapping, their apices convexly truncate, their lateral margins sinuately oblique; wings with the outer and posterior membranal margins broad.

Long. excl. tegm. 5, 24 millim.; exp. tegm. 67 millim.

Hab. Belgian Congo; Kapiri (Miss. Agric. Leplae, in Musée du Congo).

## Platypleura semivitrea sp. n.

Body above brownish-olivaceous; lateral striations to front, area of the ocelli, subanterior margin, a central fascia and fissures to pronotum, four obconical spots (the two central smallest and divided by a longitudinal line) a transverse angulated spot in front of the basal cruciform elevation to mesonotum, and transverse segmental fasciæ to abdomen, black; body beneath and legs ochraceous; face with the longitudinal sulcation and transverse striations piceous or black; tegmina hyaline, the venation fuscous, a little more than basal third pale fuscous-brown and opaque; wings pale hyaline, venation fuscous, about basal half bright ochraceous margined and streaked with black; head more or less truncate and deflected in front of eyes; lateral pronotal margins truncate, not angulate; opercula in male short, transverse, not meeting internally nor passing the auterior margin of the basal abdominal segment; rostrum reaching the posterior coxæ.

Long. excl. tegm. 5, 17 millim. Exp. tegm. 53 millim.

Hab. Kapiri (Mission Agric. Leplae, in Mus. du Congo). — A species to be placed near *P. contracta* Walk.